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PREVIOUSLY

WHOA-WHOA-WHOA! SAVE THE RANT, FAKER.

..."FAKER?"

...METAL SONIC?!

NEO METAL SONIC.

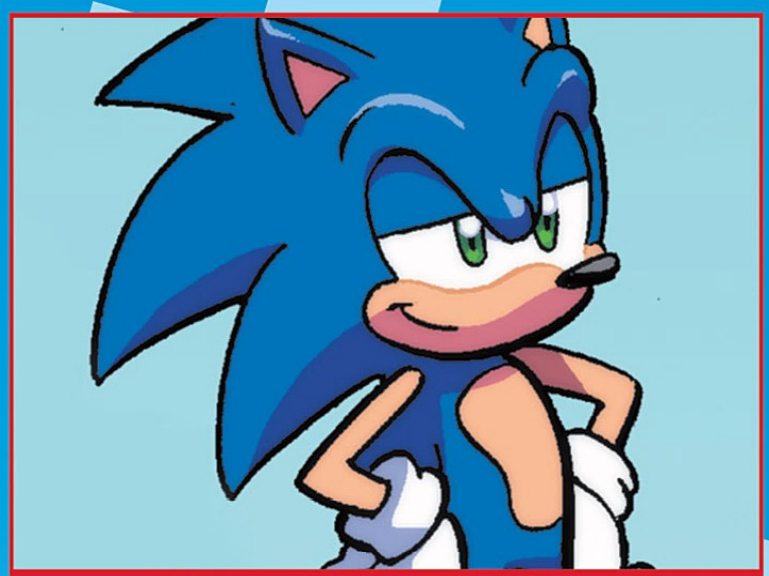
BUT I HAVE WON TODAY. I KNOW EGGMAN IS ALIVE WHILE YOU HAVE LEARNED *NOTHING* OF MY PLANS.

KEEP US IN THE AIR AND ON COURSE. WE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE FLEET ON SCHEDULE.

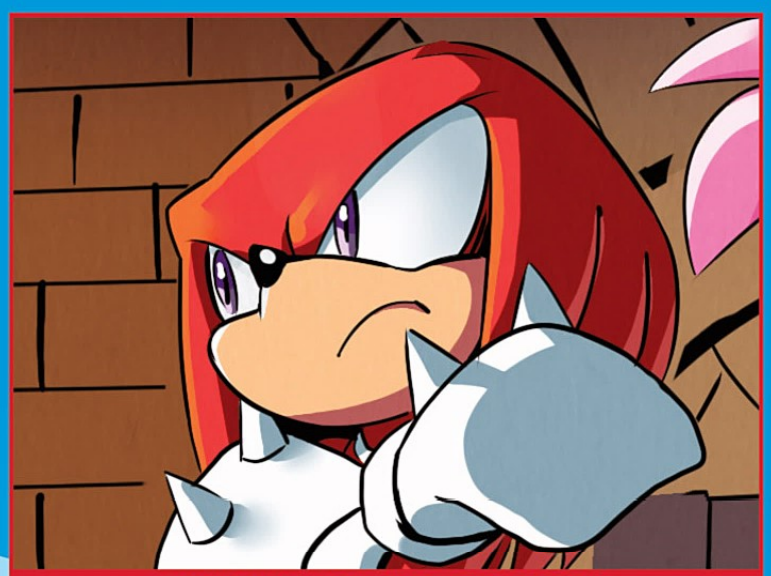
I'M NOT GOING TO SETTLE FOR THAT.

EGGMAN'S BASES MAY NOT HAVE ANY INTEL ON *CURRENT* TROOP MOVEMENTS, BUT MAYBE WE CAN FIND A RECORD OF HIS OLD PLANS.

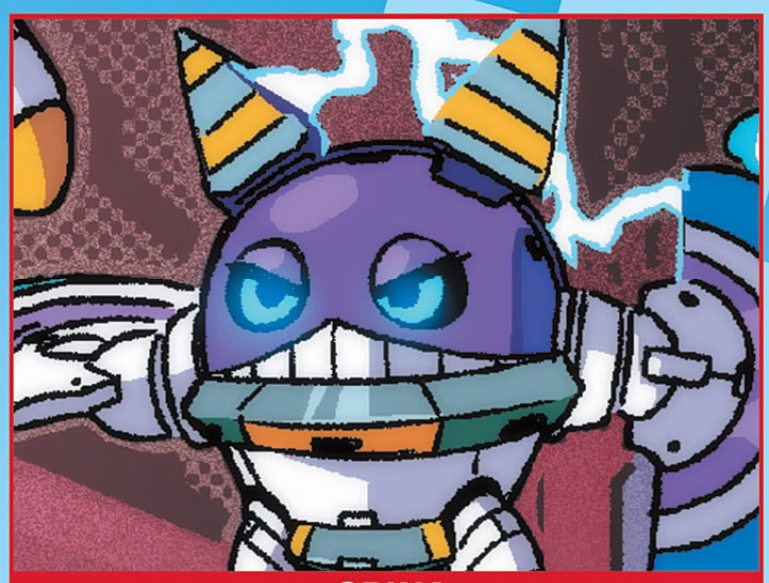
ROLL CALL



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
Guardian of the Master Emerald.
Resistance leader.



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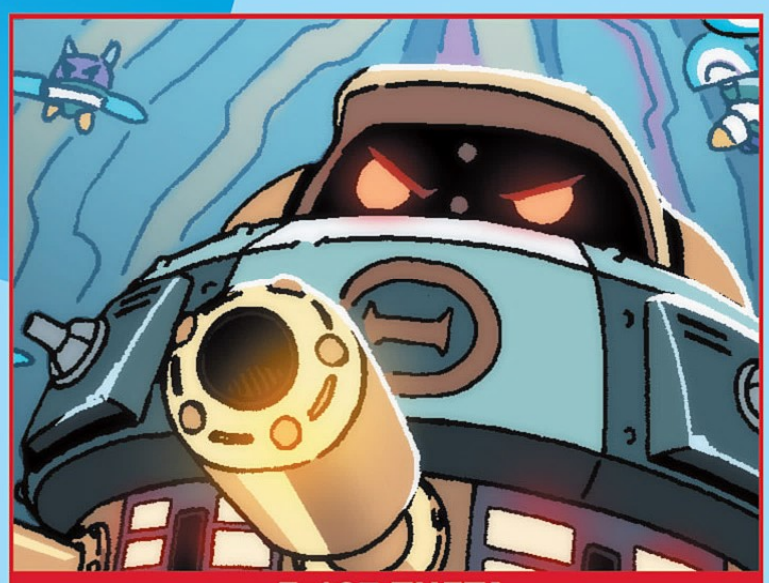
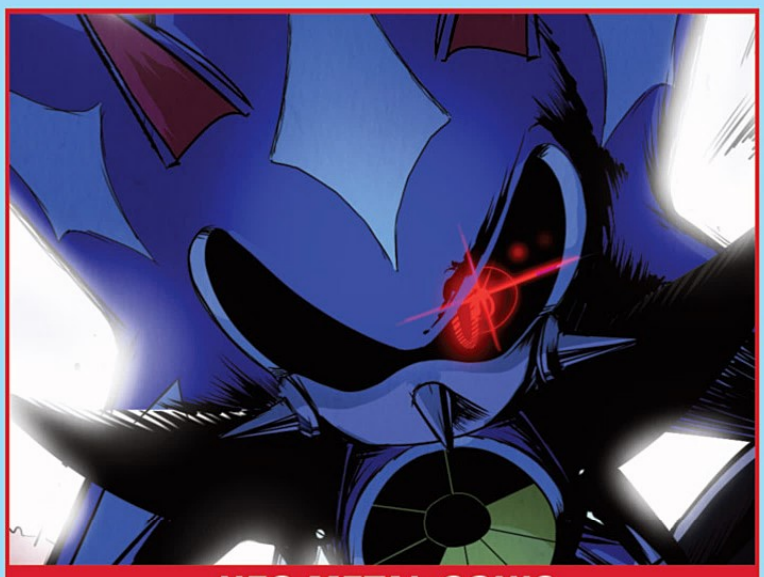
Badnik razor-bat.
Eggman Empire.



E-107 THETA
Badnik brawler.
Eggman Empire.

AMY ROSE
Piko Hammer hero.
Resistance core staff.



NEO METAL SONIC
Mechanical Mastermind.
Eggman Empire leader.

BRAMP BRAMP BRAMP BRAMP

BRAMP BRAMP BRAMP

KEEP OUT

WAY TOO SLOW! C'MON! STEP IT UP!

KEEP OUT

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

FASTEST THING ALIVE

KEEP OUT

KEEP T

OOH! YOU'RE A BIG ONE!

SILVER
THE HEDGEHOG
PSYCHIC FROM THE FUTURE

MIND IF I CUT IN?

SILVER! I *HAD* THAT, MAN!

S-SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO STEP ON YOUR TOES.

IT'S COOL. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. THANKS FOR HOLDING THE DOOR FOR ME BACK THERE.

WHAT DOOR? I CAME IN THROUGH THE OTHER WAY.

IF YOU DIDN'T HELP ME, WHO DID?

SINCE WHEN COULD YOU DO THAT?

I DIDN'T! IT MUST BE THE LEGENDARY *GUARDIAN ANGEL!*

THE LEGENDARY WHAT NOW?

HOW DO YOU NOT KNOW ABOUT THE GUARDIAN ANGEL?!

I SPENT SIX MONTHS IN A SMALL CELL IN *SPACE*. I MISSED A FEW THINGS.

OH, RIGHT! YOU MISSED MOST OF THE WAR.

MULTIPLE UNITS IN THE RESISTANCE REPORTED A MYSTERIOUS PERSON WHO WOULD TURN THE TIDE OF BATTLE, BUT NEVER JOINED THE ARMY.

WHOEVER IT WAS SAVED MY LIFE MORE THAN ONCE! THEY MUST BE HERE TO HELP US AGAIN!

SO IS THAT WHY YOU CAME BACK FROM THE FUTURE?

LOOKING FOR AN AUTOGRAPH?

ER... NO. I CAME BACK BECAUSE DEFEATING EGGMAN *DIDN'T* SAVE THE FUTURE.

COULDN'T EVEN PLAY ALONG. HAD TO BRING THE MOOD DOWN.

SIGH OKAY, WHAT HAPPENED *THIS* TIME?

"WHEN I LEFT, MY TIME HAD BEEN CONQUERED BY THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. EVERYONE LIVED IN FEAR, CHOKING ON POLLUTED AIR.

"WHEN I WENT BACK, THE EGGMAN EMPIRE WAS GONE—*BUT SO WAS EVERYONE ELSE.*

"THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT. NO PEOPLE, NO ANIMALS, NO MACHINERY. ONLY WATER AND SPARSE, METALLIC PLANT LIFE."

WELL, THAT'S... EERIE.

I KNOW, RIGHT? SO I CAME RIGHT BACK TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED.

AMY SAID YOU WERE LOOKING FOR CLUES IN EGGMAN'S BASES AND I CAME TO HELP.

SO DID YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL, APPARENTLY.

WHOEVER IT IS, THEY AREN'T USING A STANDARD WISPON.

HOW CAN YOU TELL?

THEY'RE BUILT FOR CLEARING OUT CROWDS OF ROBOTS USING THE WISPS' POWER. THIS IS *WAY* MORE PRECISE.

SKYOW

SKYOW

SHKANT

SKREEEBOOM

BRAK

THAT MUST BE HER!

HEY! GUARDIAN ANGEL!

WHOOSH

NO! WAIT!

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE.

I'M A BIG FAN...

SILVER...

...YOU SAID SHE NEVER JOINED THE RESISTANCE.

THAT SHE NEVER INTERACTED WITH ANYONE— RIGHT?

WELL... YEAH. SO?

SO SHE OBVIOUSLY PREFERS TO WORK SOLO—FOR WHATEVER REASON. NOT EVERYONE LIKES BEING PART OF THE CROWD.

I SEE.

I GUESS I'VE BEEN SO LONELY FOR SO LONG, I NEVER CONSIDERED *WANTING* TO BE ALONE.

YO! SORRY FOR COMING ON SO STRONG.

I'M SONIC, AND MY OVER-EAGER FRIEND HERE IS SILVER.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. WE'D LIKE TO HELP YOU TOO.

WHOA! *HAHA!* HEY, GUYS! I *THOUGHT* I SAW SOME WISP POWERS GOING OFF!

I SAVED THEIR PLANET FROM EGGMAN A WHILE BACK—LONG STORY. I GUESS THAT LEFT AN IMPRESSION.

WHISPER.

COOL.

OKAY. BUT... WHY?

NO, GENIUS.

WHISPER IS HER *NAME.*

OH. RIGHT.

CARE TO GET THE DOOR FOR US, FLATWARE?

I SAID I GET IT! DON'T HAVE TO RUB IT IN...

EVERYBODY GET READY!

WREEEENCH

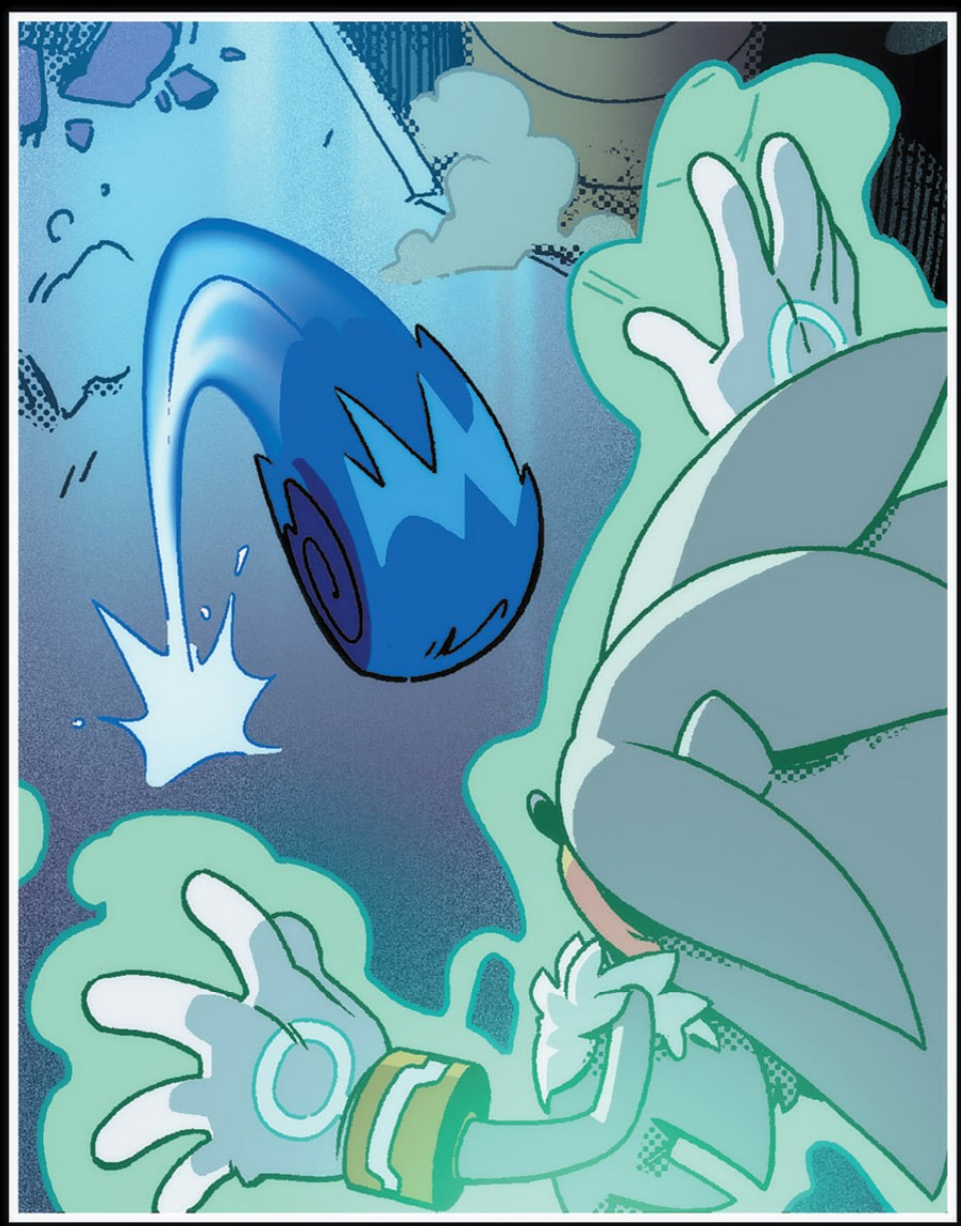
BWOOM

WHOOPS!

CLANG

SILVER! WE NEED TO FINISH OFF THE LITTLE ONES SO WE CAN FOCUS ON THE BIG GUY!

RIGHT! COME AT ME!



SKYOW

BLAM

BLAM

IT'S OKAY IF YOU PREFER TO WORK ALONE...

...BUT IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU'VE PUT TOGETHER QUITE A TEAM.

AND I'D BE PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT.

...MAYBE.

WHOA-WHOA-WHOA!

YOU CAN TEAR THIS PLACE APART WHEN WE'RE DONE!

FIRST, WE NEED VITAL INTEL OFF THE COMPUTER!

OKAY.

WHAT DID EGGMAN *DO* TO YOU?

LET'S SEE HERE... LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A MAJOR UPDATE ACROSS THE EGGNET.

IT'S ALMOST LIKE NEO METAL SONIC ISN'T HIDING WHAT HE'S DOING ANY—

OH, CRAP!

WE NEED TO CALL KNUCKLES— *NOW!*

KNUCKLES! WHAT HAPPENED?!

KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA
RESISTANCE COMMANDER

IT'S... THE MASTER EMERALD... SOMETHING'S *WRONG*...

BUT IT'S HIDDEN ON ANGEL ISLAND. THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON YOU'VE BEEN HELPING US FOR SO LONG.

I KNOW. BUT AS ITS GUARDIAN, I'VE GOT A SPECIAL CONNECTION TO IT. IT'S CALLING OUT TO ME...

AMY
AMY ROSE
RESISTANCE CORE STAFF

PRIORITY ALERT!

BREET BREET

AMY! KNUX! ARE YOU THERE?

SILVER FOUND WHAT NEO'S UP TO! YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO CALL IN *EVERYONE!*

NEO METAL SONIC
THE STEEL NEMESIS

THE MASTER EMERALD. "THE CONTROLLER."

ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL GEMS IN THE WORLD, WITH THE ABILITY TO *NEUTRALIZE* THE CHAOS EMERALDS.

SO COME TO ME, SONIC. AS YOURSELF, OR AS SUPER SONIC.

EITHER WAY...

...YOU WILL BE *POWERLESS* TO STOP ME.

NEXT TIME:
THE BATTLE FOR ANGEL ISLAND!

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Sonic fans! How'd you all like Whisper the Wolf? She's pretty cool! And a great friend to her Wisps! Do you get her name? Get it? Anyway, this was another awesome issue by Ian Flynn, Evan Stanley, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee: "Silent Support"!

Now be very quiet as we spy what you came here for: your art, cosplays, and letters!

Hi, Sonic fans!

I've been a Sonic fan since 2017. I like the comics and hope to see one of my drawings in the comics. Some of my favorite Sonic games are the classics, especially Sonic Mania! So I made a fan art, which has both modern and classic Sonics in the picture. I hope you like the work I did!

Alex K.

Art by Alex

Hi Alex,

That's an awesome drawing of both classic and modern Sonic! And you're already that good at drawing Sonic even though you've only been a fan since 2017! That's amazing! Sorry we won't be seeing Classic Sonic in this comic, but really hope you're enjoying it! Thanks!

Hello,

My 7-year-old son Ashton loves reading and re-reading and re-re-reading your wonderful Sonic The Hedgehog comic book series. He created some cutouts which he uses to re-enact the stories from the comics and I took the attached photo. We are hoping you can publish the photograph in the Fan Art section of the Sonic Letters Squad. Thanks so much!

We are very much looking forward to all the upcoming issues. (Hopefully this incarnation can surpass 290 issues!)

Your friends from Calgary, Canada,
Ashton & Justin Williams

Hey Ashton & Justin,

Wow! Those are some awesome cutouts. And how circular is this? You make the cutouts so you can reenact our comics, but now your cut-outs are in our comics! Does this mean you have to make cutouts of your cutouts? Keep up the good work and tell your dad thanks for sharing your cutouts with us (and all the other readers)!

Hey Team Sonic!

I am soooo glad you guys are publishing Sonic comics. I've been a fan for many, many years and I am incredibly happy that Sonic has been one of a few remaining sources of good, clean fun in the comic world. I love that you guys have the vets back for these stories (new guys too! Looking forward to their work!), and the comic looks great! Keep up the awesome work!

Cut-outs by Ashton

Hi Jonah,

Thank you so much! We're so glad you're happy and that we're providing the kind of positive comics you're looking for. We try to keep Sonic dramatic, as this issue proves, but ultimately with a good heart because we want to put good (and good comics) into the world. Glad to hear we're doing that for you!

Hi,

Cosplay is fun so we did classic Sonic and Classic Amy for MCM Comic Con Birmingham March 2018. The day before we were super hyped from the announcement of Sonic Mania Plus and Sonic Mania Adventures! Can't wait to read more of the new Sonic Comics!

-Luca Cavozzi & Tay Wood

Hello Luca & Tay,

We bet the two of you had some of the best cosplay in Birmingham! Super neat! You two are very cute! Thanks for sending this picture in!

Cosplay by Luca and Tay

If you'd like your fanart, cosplay pictures, letters to show up in this very space, sen them to letters@idwpublishing.com, inclu your name, and mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" Also, don't forget to join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad Facebook Group to even more amazing art and keep up-to-d with all the latest info on your favorite co Now, the stage is set! You've met a ton o cool characters and one of the baddest o bad—next month, see them clash in "The Battle for Angel Island," part 1!

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HERE SHE COMES... THE 3:10 TO TOWNSVILLE.

MAKE THAT 3:11. BETTER STEP ON IT.

FLYING GIRLS? HMPH. I SEE WHY THEY CALL IT THE *WILD* WEST.

C'MON... I'VE *GOTTA* GET ON THIS TRAIN...

FLYING GIRLS THAT TALK TO THEMSELVES? I THINK I'VE SEEN ENOUGH!

I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF THE *PAST* AND BACK TO *PRESENT-DAY* TOWNSVILLE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

EARLIER...(BUT TECHNICALLY WAY LATER...)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TCB

...AND NOW, TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR, I'LL ACTIVATE THE TOWNSVILLE NEW YEAR'S EVE–AND DISCO PARTY-BALL!

10! 9! 8! 7! 6! 5! 4! 3! 2!

KERSMASH

MOJO JOJO IS NUMBER *1*!!!!

OH NO! THAT WAS TOWNSVILLE'S ONLY DISCO BALL!

HEY MOJO!

OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO *KICK YOUR BUTT!*

SO GET READY, CUZ YOU'RE ABOUT TO WISH YOU COULD TURN BACK THE CLOCK!

WOW. YOU'RE RIGHT, PUNYPUFFS. MOJO *DOES* WISH HE COULD TURN BACK THE CLOCK...

...ON YOU!

WITH YOUR TIE?

PRECISELY! WITH MY TIME TIE!!!

MOJO IS A FAN OF BOTH FASHION AND FUNCTION.

WELL, WE'RE FANS OF PUNCHING YOU OUT! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, GIRLS!

RIGHT!

AHHH!!!

ZZAP

MUHUHA HAHAHA!

...WHEN I CAME TO, I'D BEEN SENT BACK IN TIME. AND NOW, HERE I AM. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE OR *WHEN* MY SISTERS ARE!

THIS CONVERSATION HAS BEEN VERY ONE-SIDED. I HAVE A LIFE, TOO, YOU KNOW.

OH. SORRY.

WELL, TELL ME ABOUT YOU! WHY ARE YOU ON THIS TRAIN?

FINALLY! YOU SEE, I HAVE *THIS GEM,* AND-

HEY! THAT'S *THE GEM* I NEED TO USE TO GET BACK TO THE PRESENT!

UGH, FOUND A WAY TO BRING IT BACK TO BEING ABOUT YOU, OF COURSE...

BLAM!

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